

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KUALA 00406 221048Z

53

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 AID-05 ACDA-05 /065 W

----- 121439

R 220922Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8869

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 0406

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MY, SN, ASEAN

SUBJ: RAZAK-LEE TALKS

1. DURING A CALL ON ZAKARIA BIN HAJI MOHAMED ALI, HASHIM SULTAN'S REPLACEMENT AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, I ASKED HOW THE TALKS HAD GONE WITH SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KWAN YEW.

2. ZAKARIA SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITHOUT AN AGENDA AND THAT A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. NO ONE ELSE WAS PRESENT DURING THE MEETING AND HE ADMITTED WITH A SMILE THAT HE DID NOT KNOW YET ALL OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED OR WHAT WAS SAID, AND NOTED THAT THIS WAS A RECURRING PROBLEM IN HIGH LEVEL "FOUR EYES" MEETINGS.

3. HE DID KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE ATMOSPHERE HAD BEEN CORDIAL AND AGREED WITH MY OBSERVATION THAT SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA RELATIONS HAD SHOWN STEADY IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PAST YEAR. ZAKARIA WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN HIS VIEW THE BITTERNESS OF THE 1965 SEPARATION AND THE FRICTIONS OF  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KUALA 00406 221048Z

THE SUCCEEDING YEARS HAVE NOW FADED INTO THE PAST AND THAT

RELATIONS WERE NOW "NORMAL." CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITHIN ASEAN, HE WENT ON, IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT IN THESE RELATIONS, BUT THE HISTORIC ASSOCIATION AND THE MANY HUMAN, PERSONAL TIES CREATED A SPECIAL KIND OF CAUSEWAY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: THE ABSENCE OF RANCOR IN MALAYSIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD SINGAPORE IS IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO THOSE PREVAILING DURING MY PREVIOUS TOUR IN THIS COUNTRY A DECADE AGO. MALAYSIA'S HORIZONS HAVE BROADENED, THE GROWTH OF CONFIDENCE HAS DISPELLED RESENTMENTS GENERATED BY FEELINGS OF INFERIORITY, AND THE PASSAGE OF TIME HAS MELLOWED THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS.  
UNDERHILL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FOREIGN RELATIONS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 22 JAN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975KUALA00406  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750024-0038  
**From:** KUALA LUMPUR  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750131/aaaabavf.tel  
**Line Count:** 75  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 14 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <14 JUL 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <15 JUL 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RAZAK-LEE TALKS  
**TAGS:** PFOR, MY, SN, ASEAN, (ZAKARIA BIN HAJI MOHAMED ALI), (LEE KWAN YEW)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006